

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD (Minister for Health and Family Welfare).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The G. O. was issued on 26-3-1979, and the hospital was taken over on 1-4-1979.

(c) Does not arise.

Strength of Borewells in S. K. District.

56. SRI A. G. KODGI (Baindur).—Will the Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj be pleased to state.—

(a) No. of wells (Open and borewells) sanctioned and completed during the last three years (ending December 1980) in Dakshina Kannada District (Talukwise figures).

SRI B. RAMAIAH (Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj).—

(a) A statement giving the particulars is placed on the Table of the House.

Scarcity of Fuel Firewood in Bangalore City

333. SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR (Chickpet).—Will the Minister for Forest Mines and Geology be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that there is scarcity in the supply of fuel firewood in the cities and towns of the State in general and Bangalore city in particular ;

(b) If so, the steps taken by Government to meet the situation ?

SRI G. MADE GOWDA (Minister for Forest, Mines and Geology).—

(a) Yes.

(b) To cater to the needs of public in the State firewood is being sold through Karnataka State Forest Industries Corporation and Departmental depots at the rate not exceeding Rs. 120 per tonne. In addition to this, firewood is being sold through 20 Co-operative Societies in the Bangalore city at the rates ranging from 287 to 289 per tonne.